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Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: Hope Robinson

In re Application of:

ZHANG et al.

Application No.: 09/493,545

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS)
FOR HEALING AND REPAIR OF ARTICULAR CARTILAGE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

A Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. A Notice of Appeal was filed on July 17, 2003. Applicants request a two month extension of time for the filing of this Request for Continued Examination, and enclose \$770.00, the required fee for this extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c). Prior to the examination of this application, please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims starting on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments appear on page 4 of this paper.

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